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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Applicant(s) : John Francis Martin, Seppo Yla-Herttula, Stephen George Edward Barker
Docket No. : GJE-30
For : Therapeutic Use of an Agent That Stimulates NO or Prostacyclin Production and Delivery Device

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the international application PCT/GB97/03015 after amendments under Article 19 of the PCT and as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER). Therefore, please replace existing pages 65 of the international application with the amended claim sheet (replacement page 65) of the annex attached to the IPER, and make the following amendments to the pending claims.

Claim 1 (amended):

~~Use of an agent that is an agonist of a receptor to which VEGF binds, or a nucleic acid encoding the agonist, for the manufacture of a medicament] A method for the treatment or prevention of intimal hyperplasia of a blood vessel, where the endothelium is wholly or largely intact, wherein said method comprises administration to a person or animal of an effective amount~~